

**HUSKYAN**



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# WELCOME TO **MV HUSKYAN AND NUMBER 15**



The Huskyan Team are looking forward to having you aboard this season  
- the following information should help you prepare for your holiday

2023 HOLIDAY GUIDE



# YOUR CHARTER

- **Before Arrival**

Each guest must complete an online Passenger Information Form.

The link to the form will be supplied a little closer to the time.

Your group organiser will also complete a **Final Arrangements Form** so that we can set up the boat and accommodation to meet your specific requirements.

- **Arrival day is Sunday** unless otherwise agreed.

- **We can accommodate one whole group arrival time in Stromness to load equipment** and are happy to meet either a morning, afternoon, or evening ferry.

Entrance to the accommodation may be delayed to late afternoon to enable time for deep cleaning and check in will follow a contact free policy.

- **Huskyan** will be berthed in Stromness – we will confirm her exact location in the harbour before your arrival on Sunday but if, upon arrival, you can't find us just call Emily 07974178612.

**Dive trolleys can be easily wheeled round to the boat.**

- **Parking in Stromness** – Stromness is a very small town with a narrow winding main street.

Parking is limited for all of us. You can bring your cars onto the pier to unload but not to park.

There is also no parking at **Number 15** (Divers Lodge).

**There is a free long stay car park just a few minutes walk away.**

- **At the end of your charter week...**

Dive gear is unloaded from the boat on the Friday afternoon straight into your vehicles or the Northlink dive trolleys. There is a hose on the pier if you want to wash you kit. Dive gear cannot be left aboard on Friday night and wet dive gear is not permitted in **Number 15**, but we do have an outside kit store at the accommodation if you need to dry or store your kit until departure.

- You need to vacate **Number 15** by 9.00am on the Saturday morning.

If you are leaving Orkney later than this there are coffee shops in Stromness to relax in while you wait.



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# GETTING TO ORKNEY

## BY FERRY:

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**Northlink** operates the ferry from Scrabster to Stromness (1.5 hours).

Scrabster is the port with Thurso the main town just a mile away. Many divers like to bring their cars over with them so they can sightsee. If you would rather save the car fare, you can pre-book free dive trolleys with the ferry company to drive your bags on and off the ferry for you. You can then come as a foot passenger. Everything in Stromness is within walking distance.

There is a long stay car park in Scrabster - just down the road opposite the Ferry Inn – approx. £25 per vehicle per week.

When you arrive in Stromness you will need to collect your trolley from the ferry terminal and wheel it round to the boat (approx. 100 metres). They also operate a ferry from Aberdeen to Kirkwall (25-minute drive to Stromness).

For information about transporting cylinders on the ferries please see our separate information sheet.

**Web.** [www.northlinkferries.co.uk](http://www.northlinkferries.co.uk)

**Tel.** +44 (0) 1856 885500

**Pentland Ferries** operate from Gill's Bay to St Margaret's Hope.

The ferry crossing is just 1 hour and often cheaper but it is a 45-minute drive to Stromness so you will need to bring your cars.

**Web.** [www.pentlandferries.co.uk](http://www.pentlandferries.co.uk)

**Tel.** +44 (0) 800 688 8998

## BY PLANE:

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The airport in Orkney is Kirkwall Airport. Taxis cost approximately £40 to Stromness.

We can book these for you if needed. Please be aware that **delayed dive gear is unfortunately common**.

Due to the small planes and heavy bags, they can often be a day or two behind you!

If most of your group wish to fly then a nominated driver with a van is often a good idea to ensure your gear arrives on time.



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**MV Huskylan** is a purpose-built dive boat – designed with your comfort in mind.

Your dive gear stays aboard the boat for the whole week and not in the accommodation.

You will get your own bench space for the week with room for gear gulper sized boxes or dive bags underneath.

We can supply a kit box for you or feel free to bring your own boxes (max size L600 x W400 x H350).

## WHAT IS INCLUDED FREE OF CHARGE

- The use of a single 12l or 15l cylinder if required and subject to availability.
- The use of lead weights – we have block lead weights in 3kg, 2kg and 1kg sizes. **You must bring your own belts.**
- Air fills.
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, a selection of fruit and herbal teas, fruit squash & biscuits served in our very own pint mugs.

## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

- Nitrox/O2/He
- Extra equipment hire
- Weight belts



## GAS FILLING

- We fill to 232 bar.
- We carry Oxygen but Helium must be pre-booked.
- We carry sofnoime aboard.
- Bottles are filled where you sit – no need to lug your equipment around.
- We have 2 booster pumps for high pressure O2 fills.
- We can fill cylinders with DIN 232 bar, DIN 300 bar, INT/A clamp and M26 valves.
- We do not fill cylinders on Friday afternoons.

### Cylinder Testing & O2 Cleaning

Please refer to our 2023 Cylinder filling guide on the last page to ensure we can fill your cylinders.

## 2023 GAS PRICE GUIDE

### Open Circuit Nitrox

- Minimum charge single cylinder: £10.50
- Minimum charge manifolded twinset: £17.00
- O2 priced at 2.5ppl over and above minimum fill price.
- Manifolded twin 7's charged as a single cylinder.
- Un-manifolded twin sets charged as 2 x single cylinders.

### CCR O2

- Minimum charge: £10.00
- O2 priced at 2.5ppl over and above minimum fill price.

### He/Trimix 2022

- **HELIUM MUST BE PRE-BOOKED -**  
**please contact us to discuss your requirements.**  
Price on application

**He is dependent on supply and availability –**  
**PRICES MAY VARY HUGELY**

**Sofnoime 797 – 4.5 kilo tubs: £29.85**

**Prices are reviewed every three months – or when**  
**our suppliers make changes.**



Please let us know if you would like to use our cylinders.

All our cylinders have nets and boots to protect them. Due to the harsh environment they live in, these are non-removable.

Our cylinders will be full of air for the first dive unless nitrox is pre-booked.

Our cylinders have single outlet valves only.

All the cylinders available in Orkney have 232 bar DIN valves. We can provide adaptors for INT/A clamp regulators. We do not have M26 regulator adaptors.



## ONBOARD CATERING

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Complimentary refreshments will be available on board served during the surface interval. For the 2023 Season these will include hot, tasty soups and home bakes. You are also welcome to bring your own packed lunches aboard.



## PAYMENT FOR EXTRAS

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We accept cash or cards aboard (unless the internet signal drops out!)







# DIVING ITINERARY

photo: Marjo Tynkkynen

We will normally leave the pier between 8am and 9am and return around 4pm. It takes about an hour to reach most of the dive sites. We will tailor the week to suit you, whether that is diving as many of the sites as possible or focussing on just one battleship. Let Emily know what you like and don't like, and she will do her best to help.

We offer multi-media wreck orientation and history talks aboard. These really are the best in Scapa – with over 40 years combined experience diving the fleet we can help you get to know the wrecks in detail or perhaps direct you to something a little different. These do not, however, constitute any part of any diving project plan.

Huskyan Ltd and her crew are not responsible for your diving plan or your action underwater and no part of any wreck information provided by the crew can be taken as such.

We do not require you to dive in buddy pairs – this is up to you to arrange.

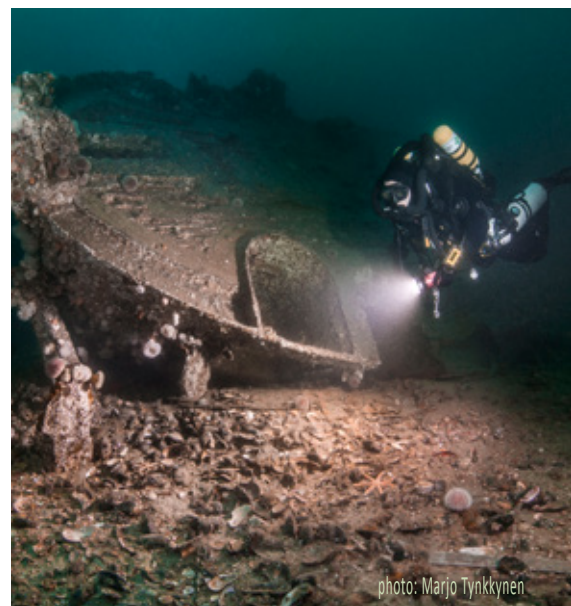
We do not set maximum dive times unless external circumstances such as tide dictate a need. Most of the dive sites in Scapa, however, are non-tidal.

Generally, you can be as long as you like but we will ask when to expect you back on the surface for safety reasons.

**You should be confident in the use of SMB's.**

**A note on shot line etiquette....** The shot line is the only way to the wreck. If you choose to use the shot line to ascend, please be aware that you may get less experienced divers land on you on their way to the wreck. The skippers here are very good at letting their divers know there are people on the line, but we can't account for a diver's ability to descend without barging through the middle of you!

You have the choice of using an SMB.



**It is illegal to remove anything from the German Fleet. The ships are protected under the historic monuments act. We also adopt a no take policy for all sites in Scapa except Gutter Sound.**

**You will not be permitted to enter the water with tools or lift bags.**

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## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES & MEDICAL CARE

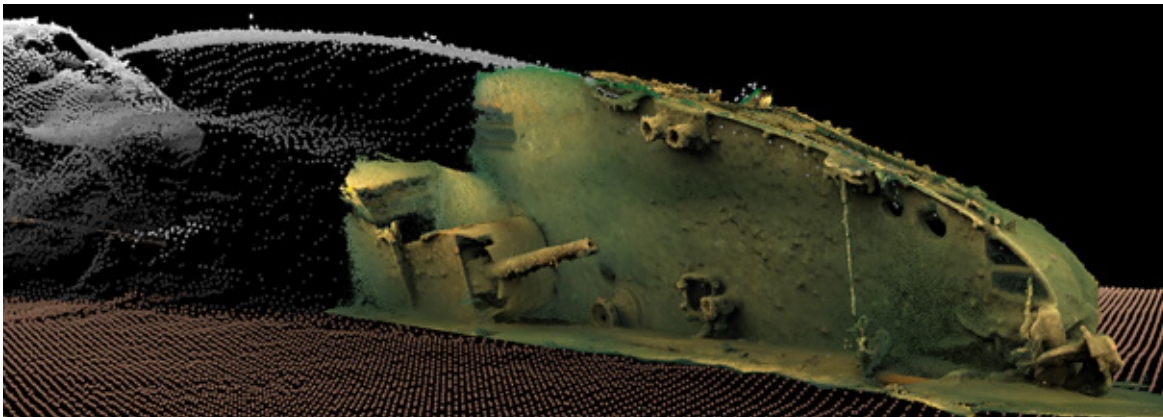
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We work very hard to be prepared for any emergency or first aid requirement. We carry all necessary emergency equipment for both the vessel and for diving and Emily is trained in both Firefighting and Medical First Aid. There are several diving doctors in Stromness along with a hyperbaric chamber. Scapa Flow is covered by 2 lifeboats, our nearest rescue helicopter is stationed in Shetland.

## DIVING RELATED EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

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Please make us aware of any specific emergency procedures and signals – do not assume they are the same everywhere.







# NUMBER 15 – DIVERS LODGE

**Number 15** is only 100 metres from the boat but a world away from living aboard even the best UK dive boat!

- 6 bedrooms
- Fully equipped kitchen diner for 12 with 2 electric ovens and large gas hob, dishwasher, microwave, 2 x fridges and freezer. We include cleaning products, kitchen roll and tea towels.
- Large living room, leather sofas, Smart TV
- Washing machine & tumble dryer – we provide washing powder
- Unlimited wireless internet access – please bring your own laptops/devices
- Designated charging station – all diving accommodation needs one!
- Bed linen and towels – 2 x large bath towels per person plus head towels on request
- Toilet rolls
- Outside drying room/kit store

Room allocation will be arranged in advance either by your group organiser or directly with us for small groups and individuals. Arrival information will be sent out during the week before your charter.

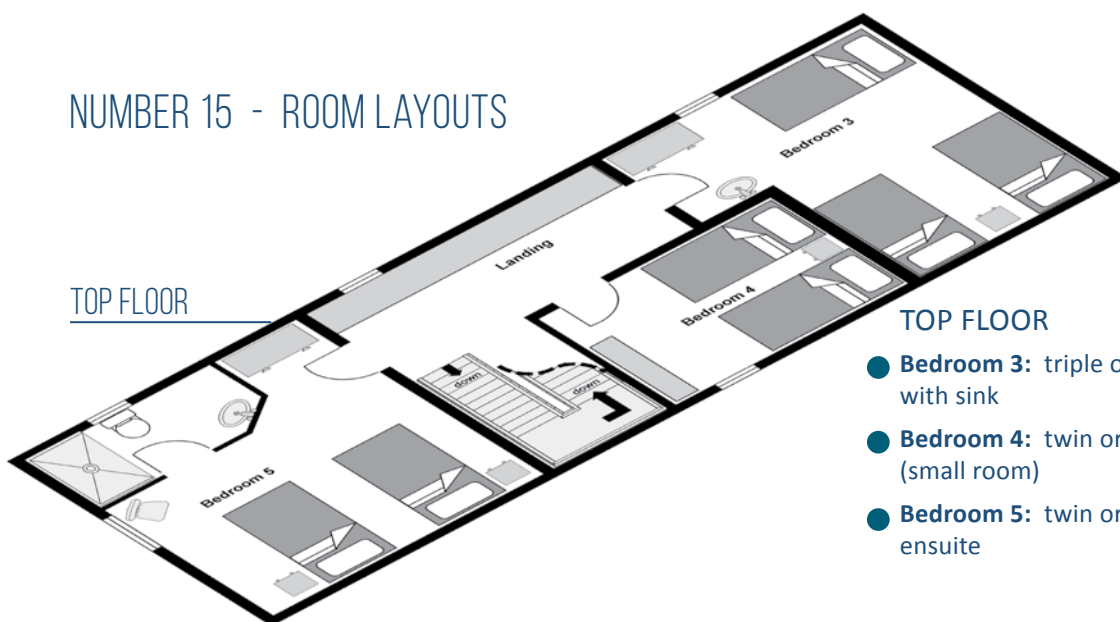
**Number 15 is a shoes-off house. Please bring slippers if you get cold feet.**



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## NUMBER 15 - ROOM LAYOUTS

### TOP FLOOR

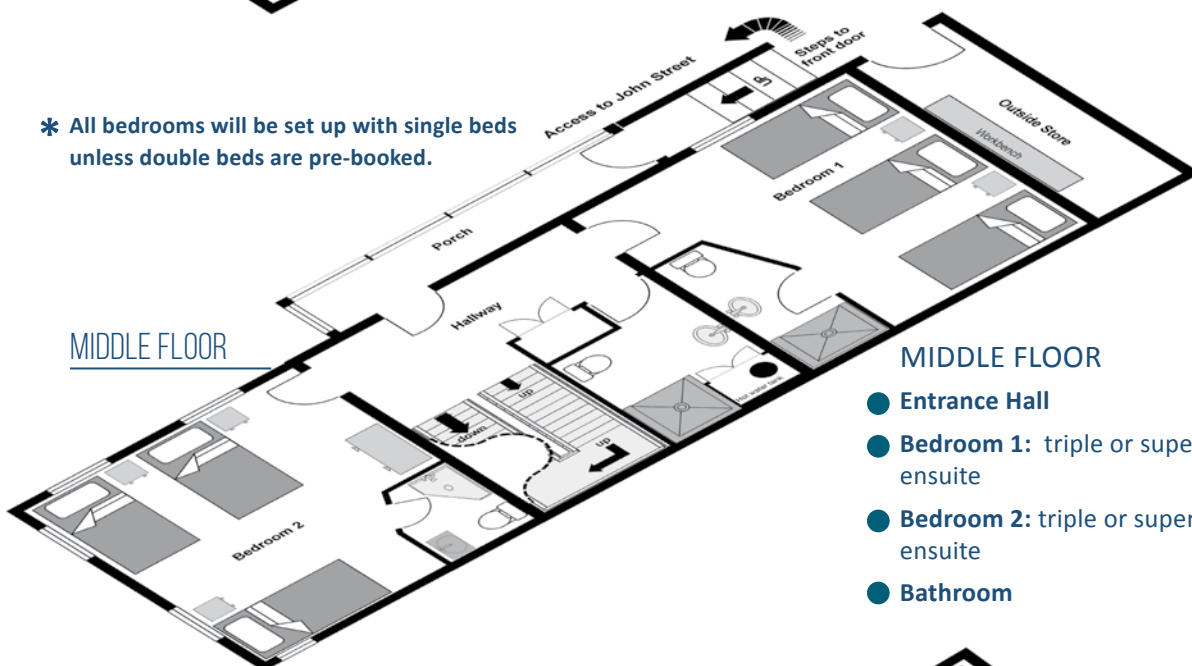


### TOP FLOOR

- **Bedroom 3:** triple or super-king double with sink
- **Bedroom 4:** twin or super-king double (small room)
- **Bedroom 5:** twin or super-king double ensuite

\* All bedrooms will be set up with single beds unless double beds are pre-booked.

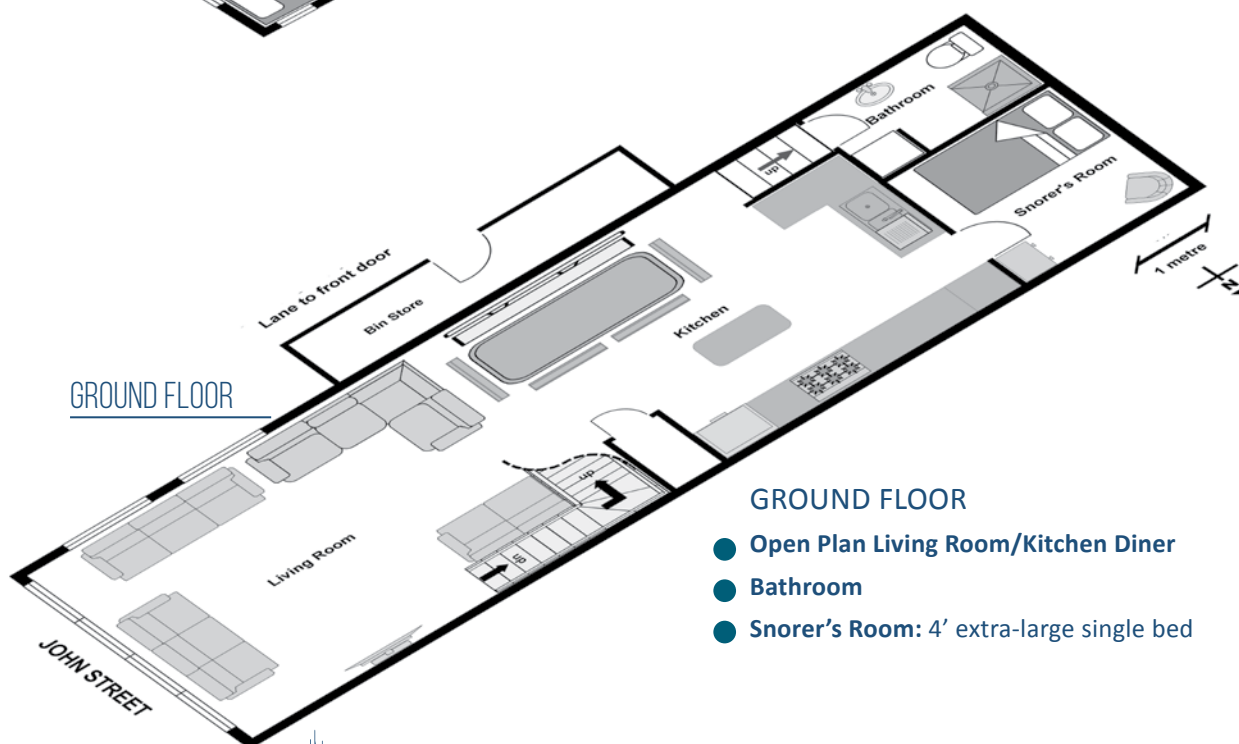
### MIDDLE FLOOR



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- **Entrance Hall**
- **Bedroom 1:** triple or super-king double ensuite
- **Bedroom 2:** triple or super-king double ensuite
- **Bathroom**

### GROUND FLOOR



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- **Open Plan Living Room/Kitchen Diner**
- **Bathroom**
- **Snorer's Room:** 4' extra-large single bed

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## ALL WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE

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- Scapa Scuba – well stocked local dive shop and chandlery – genuine overnight repairs.
- Free long stay car parking
- Two pubs serving pub grub, the Hamnavoe Restaurant, Adam's Place and the Pier Bistro.
- Chinese Takeaway
- Hyperbaric chamber
- Doctors' surgery
- Chemist
- Supermarket – open till 10pm every day
- Bakers
- Butchers
- Pier Arts Centre – very good small gallery
- Stromness Museum – Victorian style museum with a good German Fleet display.
- Local gift and craft shops
- Petrol station



**For other tourist attractions please see  
the [Orkney.com](http://Orkney.com) website**

## EATING OUT IN STROMNESS

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There are 5 places to get evening meals

**The Ferry Inn | The Pier Bistro | The Royal Hotel |  
The Hamnavoe Restaurant | Adam's Place.**

We recommend you book for larger tables.

There are far more options for eating out in

**Kirkwall** including **The Foveran** and  
**The Lynnfield** restaurants – some of  
the best food Orkney has to offer.



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## HUSKYAN MERCHANDISE

Hoodies, Huskyan Hats, Pint Mugs and more available aboard during your stay.



## SCAPA SCUBA

**Overnight drysuit and equipment repairs**

**Well-stocked dive shop & chandlery**

Everyone needs a Ben!

Ben is part owner of **Huskyan** but also owns Scapa Suits & Servicing at Scapa Scuba.

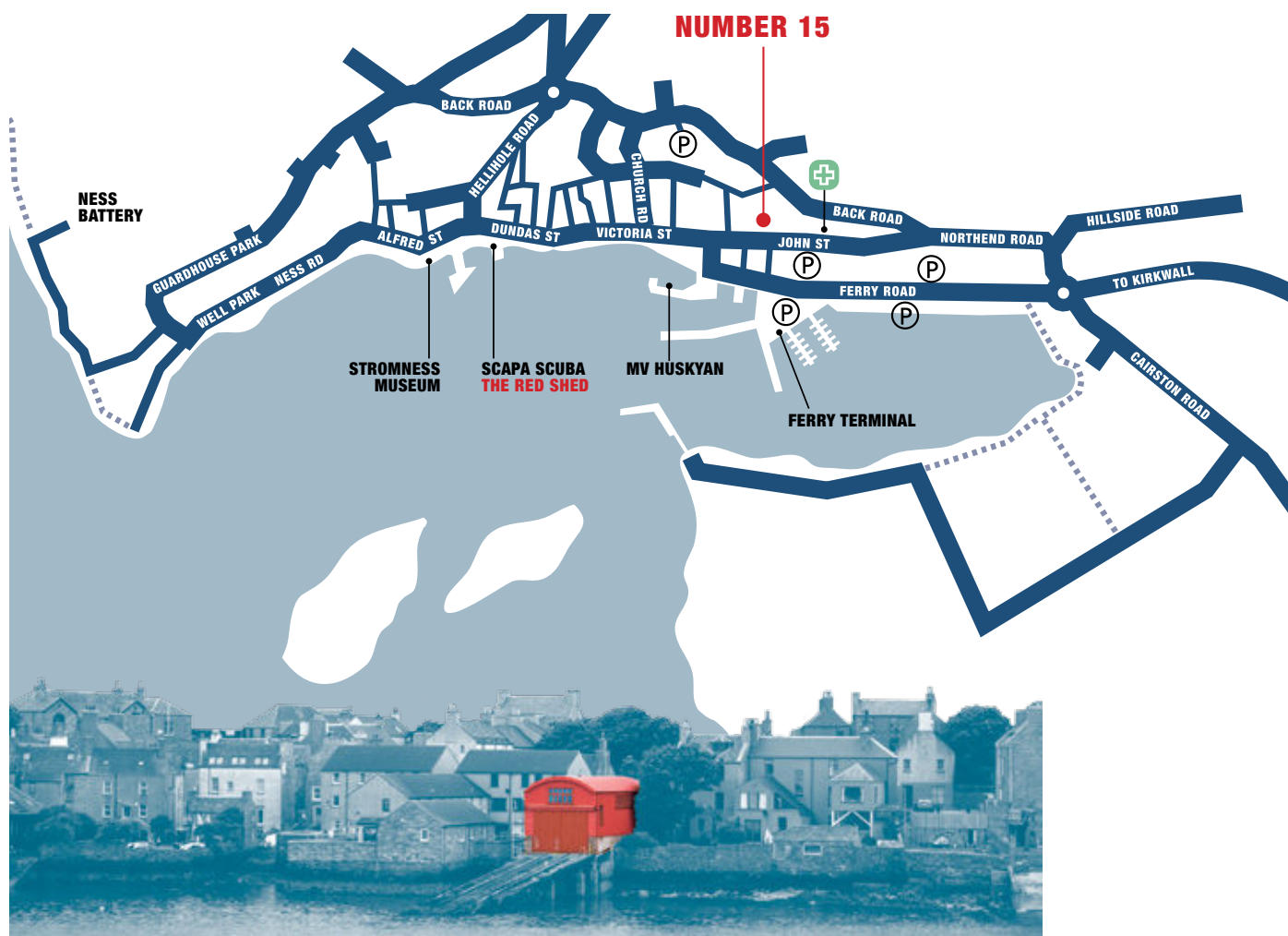
For those on a week's dive charter in Scapa Flow he offers an overnight repair service Sunday – Thursday night inclusive.

Ben will ensure that your suit is fixed and dry for the next day's diving.

So, anyone with a ripped cuff or neck seal, leaky boots or a zip that lets them down need not worry! The suits are then returned to the boat for you by the morning.

He also repairs other equipment such as regulators.

The Red Shed Shop is well stocked and housed in the old lifeboat station.



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# 2023 CYLINDER FILLING REQUIREMENTS

## PLEASE READ TO MAKE SURE WE WILL FILL YOUR CYLINDERS DO NOT IGNORE

### Cylinder Testing

In 2018 the testing standards EN1802 (aluminium cylinders) and EN1968 (steel cylinders) were replaced by BS EN ISO 18119:2018. In the new standards testing requirements for steel and aluminium cylinders are amalgamated. The hydrostatic test period remains at 5 years while the visual inspection period is now yearly.

- If you test your cylinders to these standards there is no requirement for your cylinders to be stamped for visual inspections.
- However, in the UK it has been agreed to apply an industry risk assessment to visual inspections allowing the visual inspection period to revert to the previous standards of 30 months/2.5 years.
- To safeguard our crew and customers, Huskyan Ltd will require a stamp on each cylinder indicating a hydrostatic test within 5 years and a sticker on each cylinder indicating a visual inspection within 2.5 years.

**If your stickers are damaged or unreadable, we will not fill your cylinders unless you provide test certificates.**

**A polite note: decanting into out-of-test cylinders is not permitted aboard.**

### O2 Cleaning

- If you want to use Nitrox, O2 or Trimix your cylinders must also be O2 clean.
- O2 cleaning in the UK is to industry standards and must be within 15 months.
- Each cylinder should be marked with a sticker from the facility with the O2 cleaning information.
- If your stickers are damaged or unreadable, please bring proof of O2 cleaning from your test centre.
- For non-UK cylinders – please bring proof of O2 cleaning from your test centre within 15 months.

**IF IN DOUBT PLEASE BRING  
YOUR TEST CERTIFICATES**

**Lack of organisation on  
your part will not constitute  
an emergency on ours.**

